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SUBJ: IOC CHAIRMANSHIP AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONTEST

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1. ELECTION ON NOV 16 OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, 4 VICE CHAIRMAN AND 14 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN COMPLICATED AND HIGHLY POLITICIZED BY PLETHORA OF CANDIDATES FROM LDC'S.
2. THIRD WORLD "GROUP OF 77," ACTING IN CONCERT FOR FIRST TIME IN IOC CONTEXT, NAMED CAPTAIN AMARAL AFONSO (BRAZIL) AS THEIR "BLOC" NOMINEE FOR IOC CHAIRMANSHIP AGAINST DR. GEORGE HUMPHREY (AUSTRALIA) AND PROF. HANS ROLL (FRG).
3. INFORMAL CONSENSUS WAS REACHED NOV 12 AMONG GROUP OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DELEGATIONS (US, UK, USSR, NORWAY, POLAND, CANADA, JAPAN, FINLAND) TO SUPPORT HUMPHREY AS CANDIDATE BEST ABLE TO DRAW "77" SUPPORT AWAY FROM BRAZILIAN.
4. SOLIDARITY OF "77" FURTHER THREATENED BY RUMORED SURFACING ON NOV 13 AND 14 OF ADDITIONAL LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR VICE CHAIRMANSHIPS DESPITE "77" AGREEMENT LAST WEEK TO FOCUS SUPPORT ON EGYPTIAN AND INDIAN FOR TWO VICE CHAIRMANSHIPS.

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5. MOREOVER, FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE OFFICIALLY OR INFORMALLY STATED INTENTION TO SEEK PLACES ON 14 MEMBER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: ALGERIA, SENEGAL, THAILAND, JAPAN, CANADA, COLOMBIA, PERU, VENEZUELA, ITALY, TURKEY, UK, USSR, UKRAINE, GDR, BULGARIA, POLAND, SPAIN AND U.S. UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN ALSO LIKELY TO SEEK EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTION AS COMPENSATION.

6. HOWEVER, AS LIST OF CANDIDATES NOT YET COMPLETE AND CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL OFFICIALLY RELEASED NOV 15, THERE LIKELY TO BE FURTHER ASPIRANTS.

7. COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA AND SPAIN HAVE SPECIFICALLY SOLICITED US SUPPORT. SPANIARDS PRESENTING SELVES IN PLACE OF PORTUGUESE WHOM THEY CONVINCED TO WITHDRAW IN ORDER PRECLUDE THIRD WORLD PROTEST.
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